

# ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA

## *Highlights*



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## Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

*Highlights* are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst, Sharon Ringenberg (260-469-4217) if you need further information about your area.



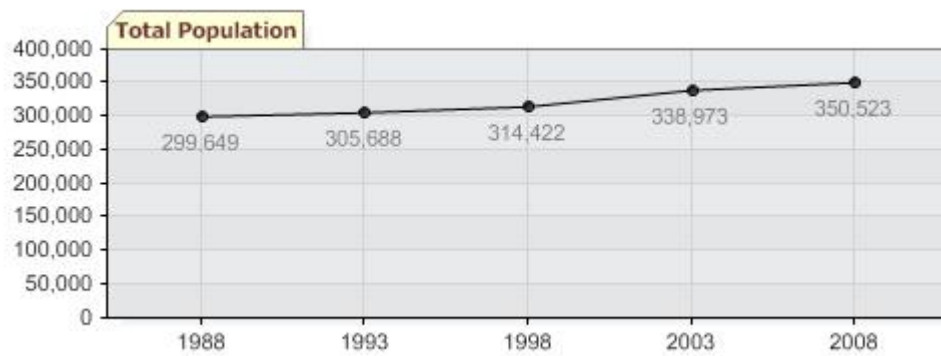
## Location

Allen County is located in north east Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Adams County and Wells County. The State of Ohio is adjacent to Allen County on the east, DeKalb and Noble County to the north, and Huntington County and Whitley County to the west. Allen County is one of the eleven counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 3. The Fort Wayne Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is located in this region. Since January 2005 the Fort Wayne MSA includes Allen, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

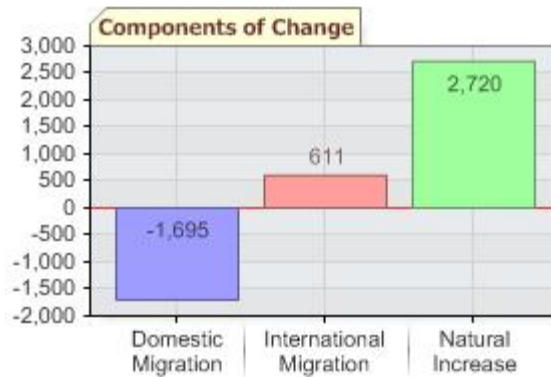
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	299,649	305,688	314,422	338,973	350,523
Change Since 1988		6,039	14,773	39,324	50,874
Pct. Change Since 1988		2.0%	4.9%	13.1%	17.0%



Source: US Census Bureau

### Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-1,695
International Migration	611
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	2,720
Births	5,433
Deaths	2,713



Source: US Census Bureau

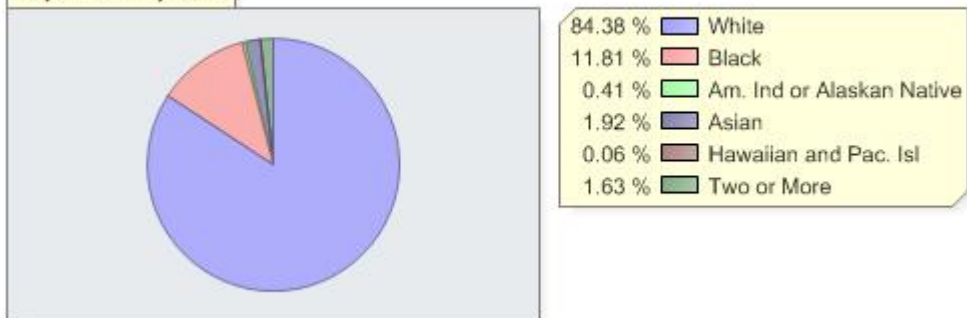
### Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	26,514	7.6%
School Age	68,105	19.5%
College Age	30,481	8.7%
Young Adult	95,060	27.3%
Older Adult	89,164	25.6%
Older (65 plus)	40,164	11.5%

Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	1,429	0.4%
Asian Alone	6,704	1.9%
Black Alone	41,187	11.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	203	0.1%
White Alone	294,270	84.4%
Two or More Race Groups	5,695	1.6%

**Population by Race**

## Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	329,339	94.4%
Hispanic or Latino	20,149	5.8%

Source: US Census Bureau

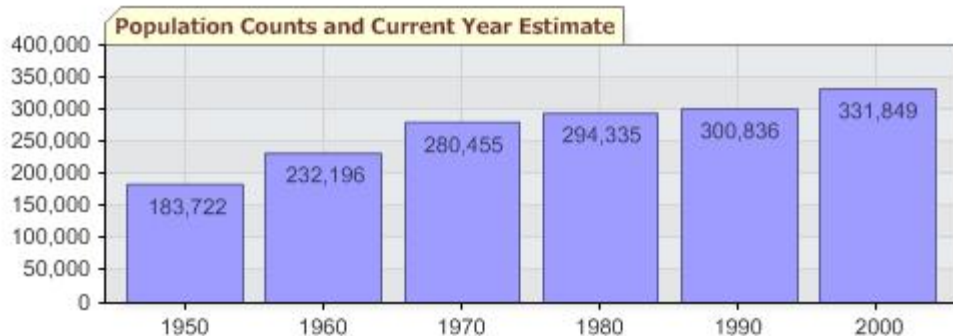
## Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Households</b>	128,745	100.0%
Family Households	86,235	67.0%
Married with Children	31,048	24.1%
Married without Children	35,203	27.3%
Single Parents	12,836	10.0%
Other	7,148	5.6%
Non-family Households	42,510	33.0%
Living Alone	35,279	27.4%
<b>Average Household Size</b>	2.58	
<b>Average Family Household Size</b>	3.86	

Source: US Census Bureau

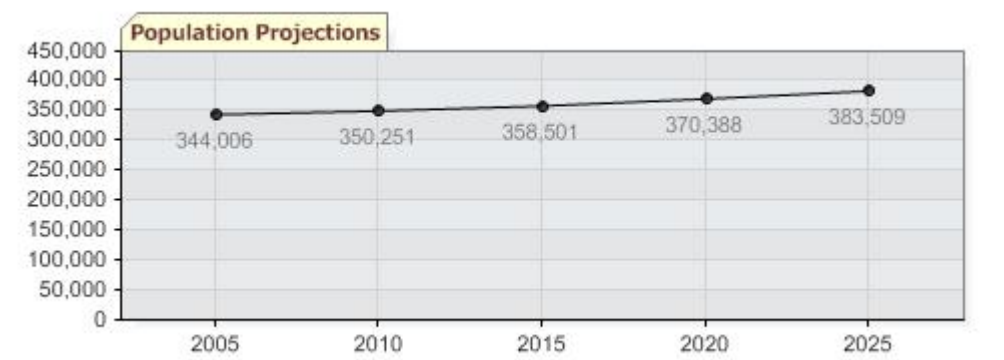
## Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	183,722	NA	NA
1960	232,196	48,474	26.4%
1970	280,455	48,259	20.8%
1980	294,335	13,880	4.9%
1990	300,836	6,501	2.2%
April 2000	331,849	31,013	10.3%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A





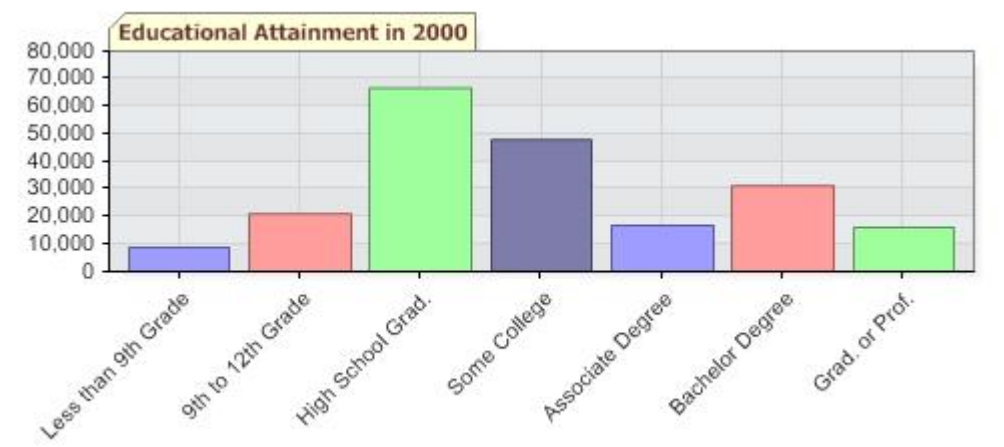
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	344,006	350,251	358,501	370,388	383,509
Change Since 2005		6,245	14,495	26,382	39,503
Pct. Change Since 2005		1.8%	4.2%	7.7%	11.5%



## Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

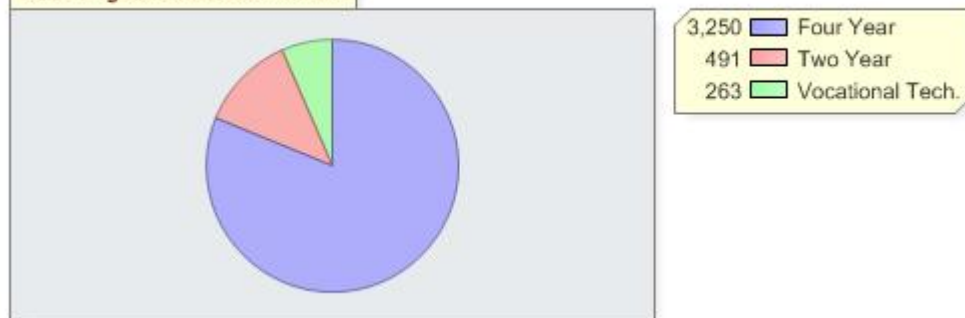
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	144,013	166,389	187,856	208,769
Less than 9th Grade	31,887	20,360	11,778	8,858
9th to 12th, No Diploma	26,587	24,124	23,623	21,027
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	54,173	68,627	62,841	66,688
Some College, No Degree			38,217	47,897
Associate Degree			15,727	16,907
Bachelors Degree			22,784	31,229
Graduate or Professional Degree			12,886	16,163



## High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total Graduates</b>	3,014	3,700	4,216	4,389
<b>Total to Higher Education</b>	2,165	3,363	3,830	4,004
<b>Four-Year Institution</b>	1,639	2,711	3,042	3,250
<b>Two-Year Institution</b>	269	398	462	491
<b>Vocational/Tech.</b>	257	254	326	263
<b>Military</b>	118	85	98	96

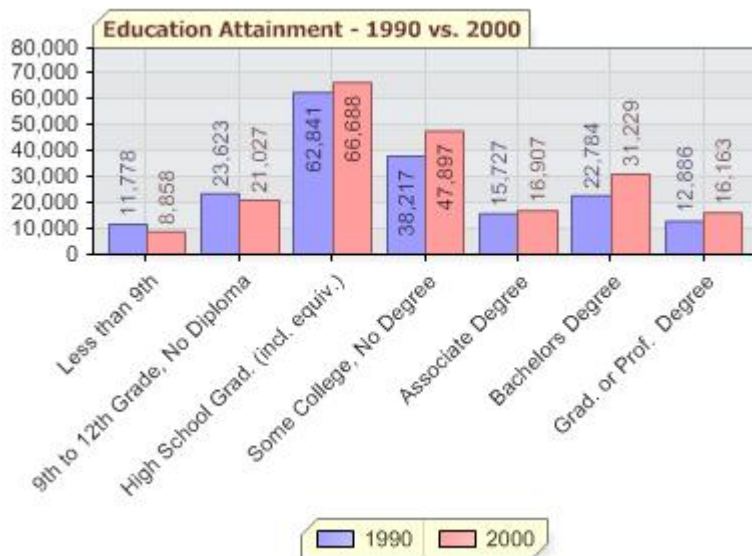
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
<b>Total Population 25+</b>	187,856	100.0%	208,769	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	11,778	6.3%	8,858	4.2%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	23,623	12.6%	21,027	10.1%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	62,841	33.5%	66,688	31.9%
Some College, No Degree	38,217	20.3%	47,897	22.9%
Associate Degree	15,727	8.4%	16,907	8.1%
Bachelors Degree	22,784	12.1%	31,229	15.0%
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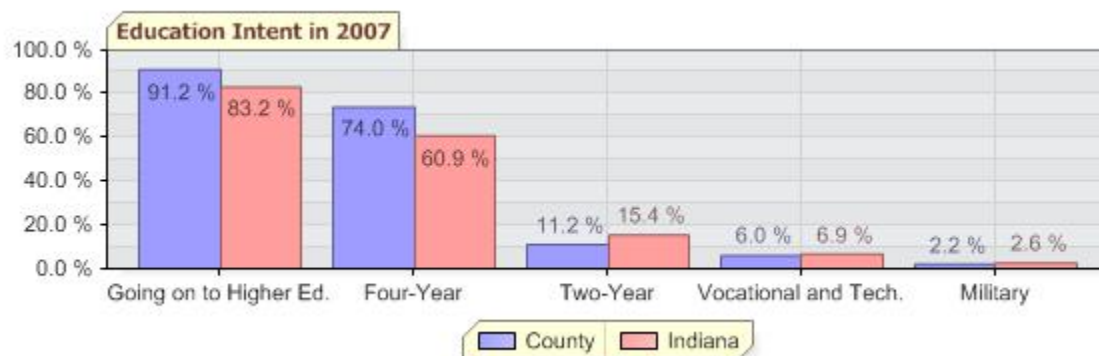


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

<b>Graduates</b>	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	91.2%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	74.0%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	11.2%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	6.0%	6.9%
Military	2.2%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

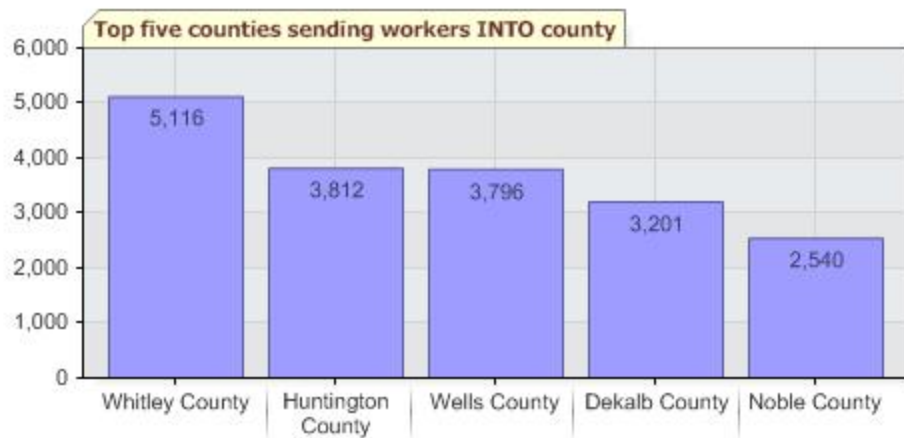
### Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	228,917
Number of tax filers who work in the county	244,592
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	216,831
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	27,761

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

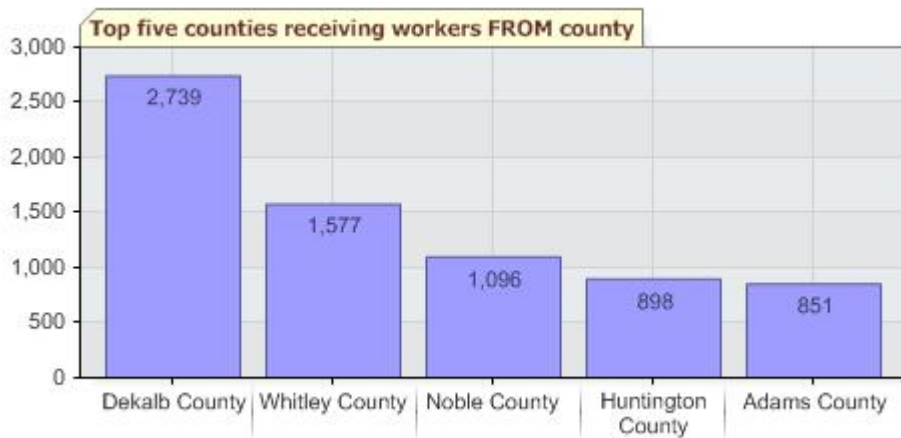
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Whitley County	5,116	27.7%
Huntington County	3,812	20.7%
Wells County	3,796	20.6%
Dekalb County	3,201	17.3%
Noble County	2,540	13.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Dekalb County	2,739	38.2%
Whitley County	1,577	22.0%
Noble County	1,096	15.3%
Huntington County	898	12.5%
Adams County	851	11.9%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Travel To Work in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Workers Age 16 and Over</b>	164,549	100.0%
Travel To Work	160,404	97.5%
Car, Truck, or Van	155,500	94.5%
Traveled Alone	138,315	84.1%
Carpooled	17,185	10.4%
Used Public Transportation	1,301	0.8%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	3,603	2.2%
Worked At Home	4,145	2.5%
<b>Average Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	20.6	
<b>Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)</b>	38.9	

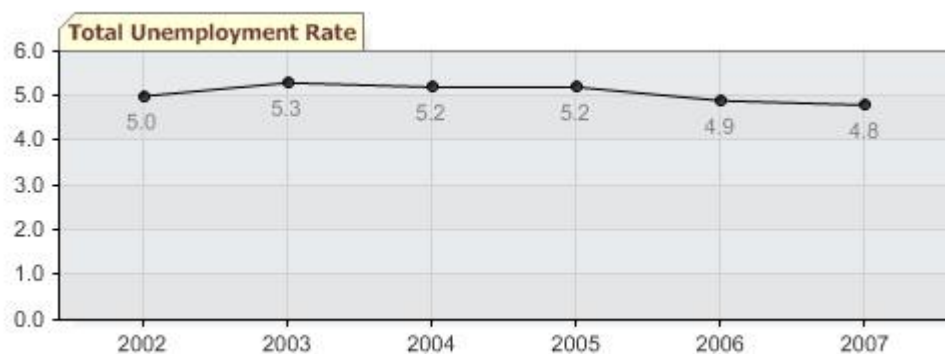


# Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

## Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

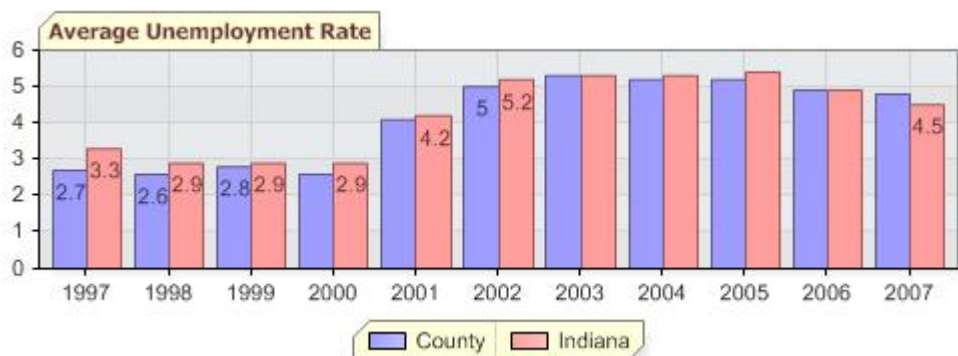
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
<b>Labor Force</b>	181,461	2.7%
<b>Employed</b>	172,834	0.4%
<b>Unemployed</b>	8,627	87.5%
<b>Rate</b>	4.8	84.6%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
<b>1997</b>	177,054	172,258	4,796	2.7	3.3
<b>1998</b>	178,256	173,539	4,717	2.6	2.9
<b>1999</b>	177,424	172,480	4,944	2.8	2.9
<b>2000</b>	176,765	172,164	4,601	2.6	2.9
<b>2001</b>	175,771	168,621	7,150	4.1	4.2
<b>2002</b>	176,668	167,916	8,752	5.0	5.2
<b>2003</b>	178,124	168,681	9,443	5.3	5.3
<b>2004</b>	176,921	167,687	9,234	5.2	5.3
<b>2005</b>	178,614	169,377	9,237	5.2	5.4
<b>2006</b>	182,227	173,231	8,996	4.9	4.9
<b>2007</b>	181,461	172,834	8,627	4.8	4.5



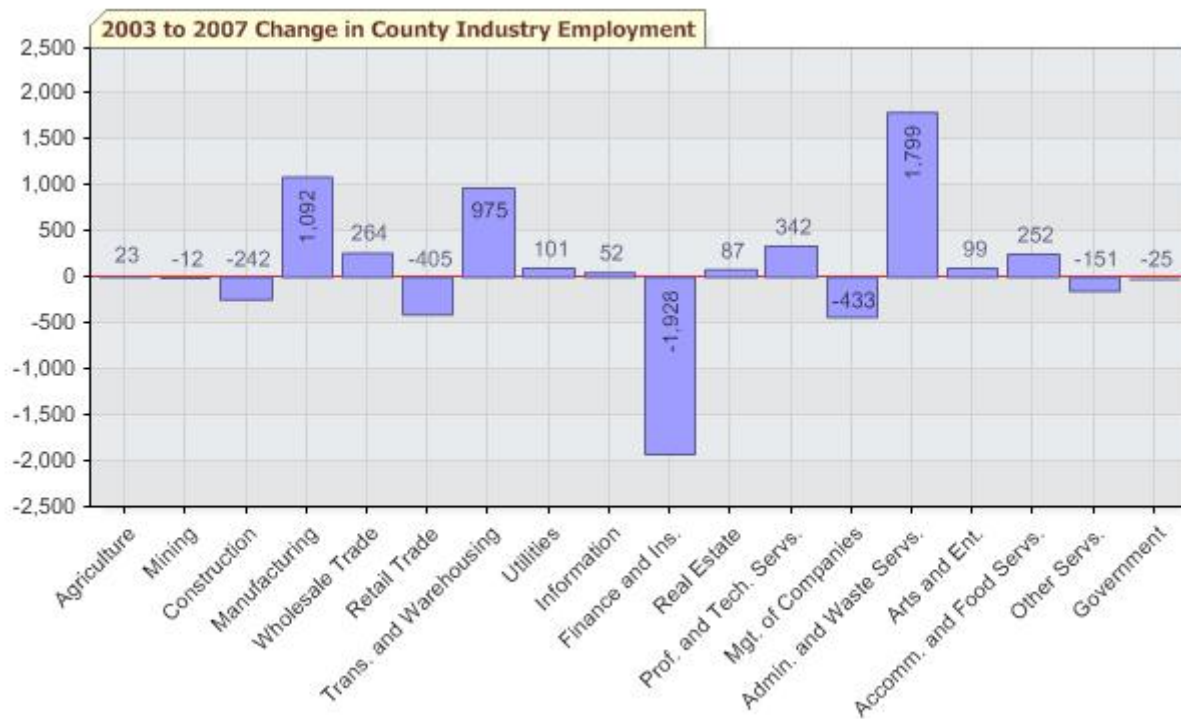
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

## Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
<b>Total Employment</b>	176,994	178,567	180,090	182,719	183,012	6,018	3.40%
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	159,533	160,993	162,479	165,653	165,576	6,043	3.79%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	131	140	153	156	154	23	17.56%
Mining	156	159	139	135	144	-12	-7.69%
Construction	9,940	9,980	9,955	9,894	9,698	-242	-2.43%
Manufacturing	29,480	29,862	30,372	30,779	30,572	1,092	3.70%
Wholesale Trade	10,700	10,646	10,953	11,052	10,964	264	2.47%
Retail Trade	20,361	20,170	20,016	19,845	19,956	-405	-1.99%
Transport. and Warehousing	6,605	6,781	7,212	7,763	7,580	975	14.76%
Utilities	382	400	460	488	483	101	26.44%
Information	3,418	3,265	3,303	3,283	3,470	52	1.52%
Finance and Insurance	10,274	9,595	8,619	8,409	8,346	-1,928	-18.77%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	1,829	1,825	1,841	1,860	1,916	87	4.76%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	5,878	5,980	5,964	5,971	6,220	342	5.82%
Mgmt. of Companies	1,647	1,255	1,133	1,207	1,214	-433	-26.29%
Admin. and Waste Services	9,281	10,125	10,960	11,739	11,080	1,799	19.38%
Educational Services	2,482	2,575	2,721	2,802	2,869	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	24,575	25,316	26,106	27,675	28,327	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	1,925	1,901	1,878	1,878	2,024	99	5.14%
Accommodation and Food Service	15,120	15,534	15,369	15,469	15,372	252	1.67%
Other Services	5,332	5,473	5,318	5,239	5,181	-151	-2.83%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	17,461	17,574	17,611	17,066	17,436	-25	-0.14%

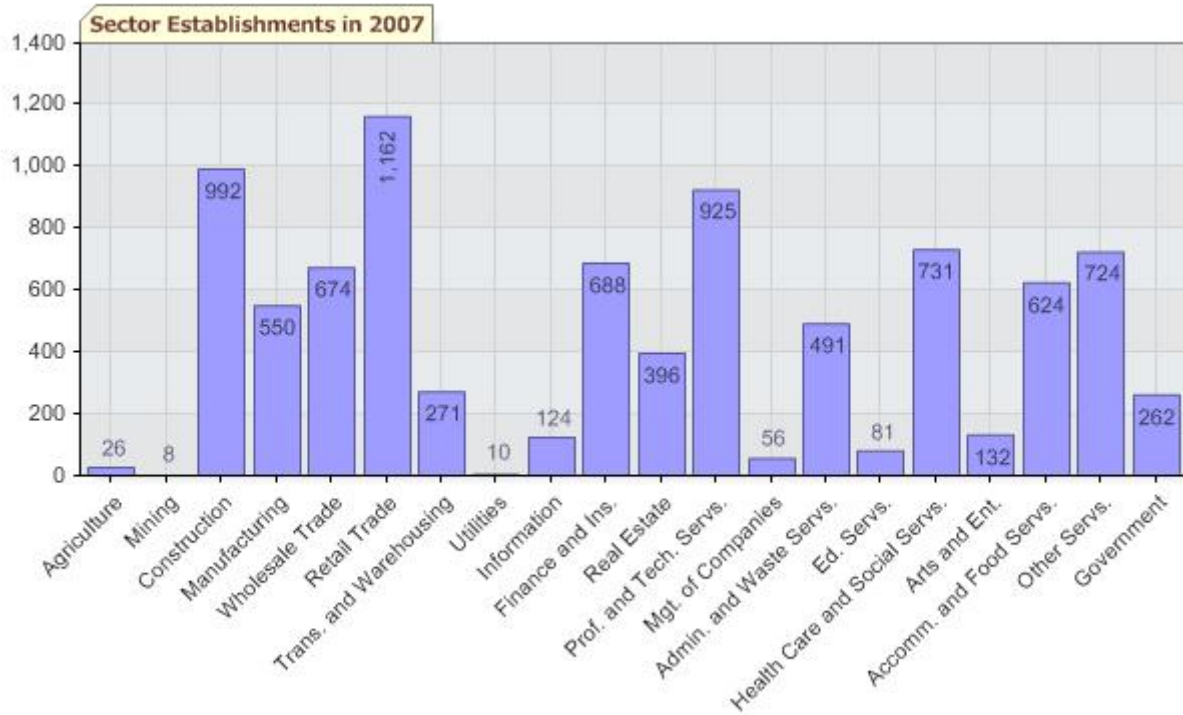


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## Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
<b>Total Establishments</b>	8,596	8,676	8,732	8,798	8,927	331	3.85%
<b>Total Private Establishments</b>	8,342	8,434	8,494	8,554	8,665	323	3.87%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	24	23	25	26	26	2	8.33%
Mining	10	9	8	7	8	-2	-20.00%
Construction	1,000	1,016	1,016	997	992	-8	-0.80%
Manufacturing	554	557	559	558	550	-4	-0.72%
Wholesale Trade	649	671	666	676	674	25	3.85%
Retail Trade	1,165	1,135	1,150	1,158	1,162	-3	-0.26%
Transport. and Warehousing	257	255	265	267	271	14	5.45%
Utilities	9	10	10	10	10	1	11.11%
Information	113	115	114	113	124	11	9.73%
Finance and Insurance	627	636	639	650	688	61	9.73%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	363	376	382	382	396	33	9.09%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	813	826	873	899	925	112	13.78%
Mgmt. of Companies	47	49	51	51	56	9	19.15%
Admin. and Waste Services	461	463	463	470	491	30	6.51%
Educational Services	72	75	75	79	81	9	12.50%
Health Care and Social Assistance	685	701	707	728	731	46	6.72%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	123	121	122	126	132	9	7.32%
Accommodation and Food Service	630	650	645	637	624	-6	-0.95%
Other Services	736	742	720	717	724	-12	-1.63%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	254	242	238	244	262	8	3.15%



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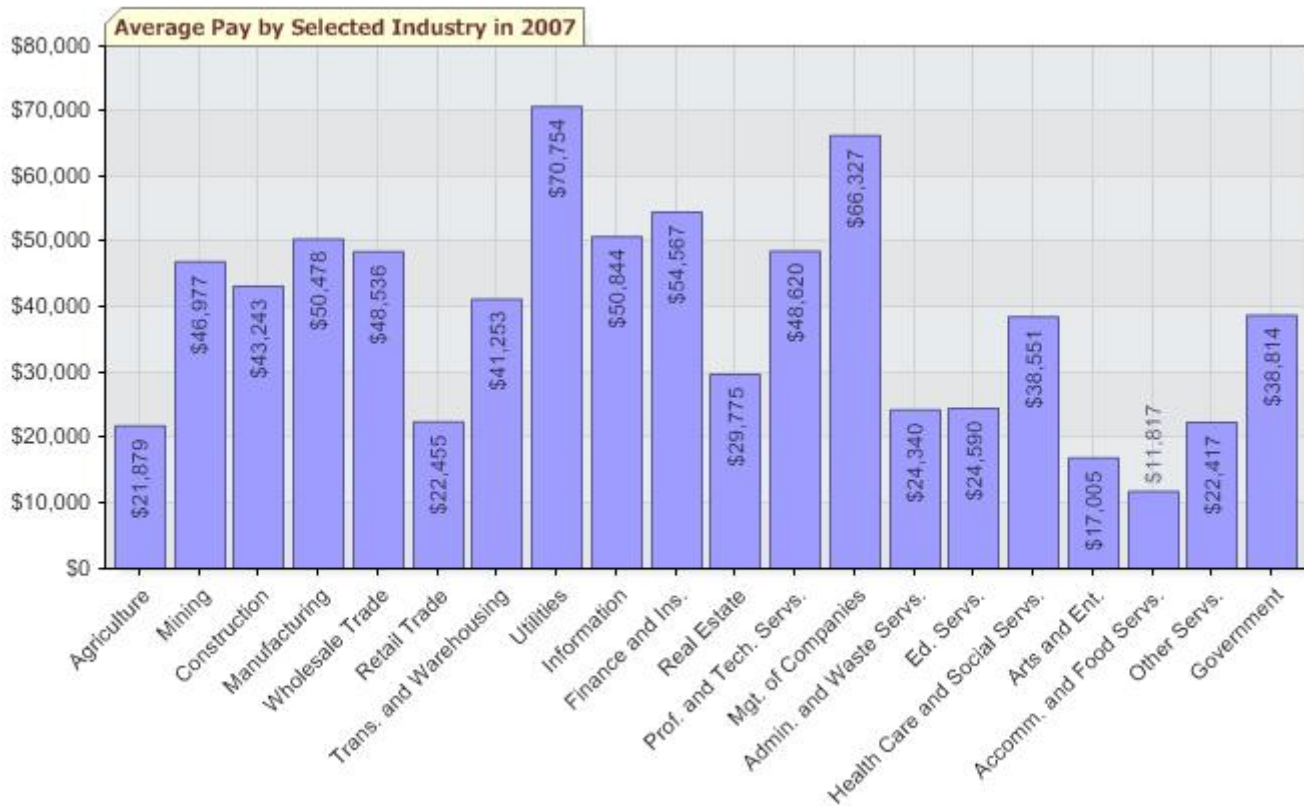
## Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

### Average Annual Earnings by Industry

Change      % Change      Indiana      % of

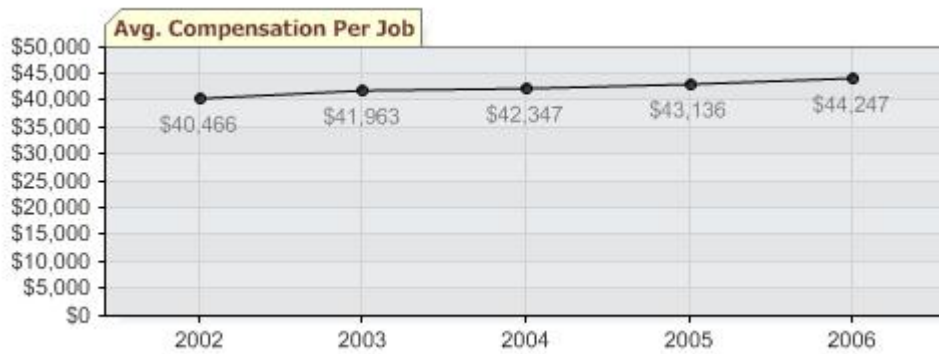
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$34,015	\$37,227	\$3,212	9.4%	\$37,530	99.2%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$19,858	\$21,879	\$2,021	10.2%	\$28,008	78.1%
Mining	\$49,466	\$46,977	-\$2,488	-5.0%	\$57,315	82.0%
Construction	\$38,882	\$43,243	\$4,361	11.2%	\$44,754	96.6%
Manufacturing	\$48,468	\$50,478	\$2,011	4.1%	\$51,148	98.7%
Wholesale Trade	\$39,401	\$48,536	\$9,135	23.2%	\$51,432	94.4%
Retail Trade	\$20,642	\$22,455	\$1,814	8.8%	\$22,581	99.4%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$37,791	\$41,253	\$3,462	9.2%	\$38,012	108.5%
Utilities	\$59,457	\$70,754	\$11,297	19.0%	\$68,267	103.6%
Information	\$47,983	\$50,844	\$2,861	6.0%	\$46,311	109.8%
Finance & Insurance	\$45,711	\$54,567	\$8,856	19.4%	\$52,649	103.6%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$31,432	\$29,775	-\$1,657	-5.3%	\$32,614	91.3%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$45,333	\$48,620	\$3,286	7.2%	\$51,451	94.5%
Mgt.of Companies	\$60,237	\$66,327	\$6,090	10.1%	\$72,682	91.3%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$20,488	\$24,340	\$3,852	18.8%	\$24,934	97.6%
Education Svcs.	\$21,273	\$24,590	\$3,317	15.6%	\$31,029	79.2%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$35,139	\$38,551	\$3,411	9.7%	\$37,706	102.2%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$15,123	\$17,005	\$1,881	12.4%	\$29,251	58.1%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$11,056	\$11,817	\$761	6.9%	\$12,442	95.0%
Other Svcs.	\$21,157	\$22,417	\$1,260	6.0%	\$24,862	90.2%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$34,820	\$38,814	\$3,994	11.5%	\$37,054	104.7%



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### Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

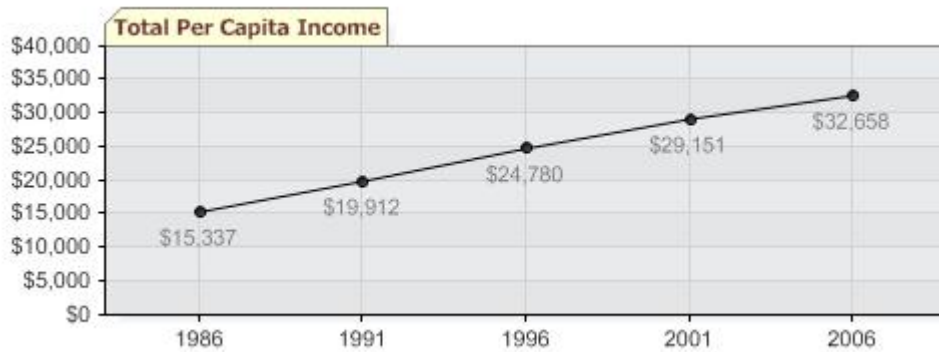
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Avg. Compensation per Job</b>	\$40,466	\$41,963	\$42,347	\$43,136	\$44,247
<b>Change Since 2002</b>		\$1,497	\$1,881	\$2,670	\$3,781
<b>Pct. Change Since 2002</b>		3.7%	4.6%	6.6%	9.3%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

## Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
<b>Total Per Capita Income</b>	\$15,337	\$19,912	\$24,780	\$29,151	\$32,658
<b>Change Since 1986</b>		\$4,575	\$9,443	\$13,814	\$17,321
<b>Pct. Change Since 1986</b>		29.8%	61.6%	90.1%	112.9%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

## Income & Wage

	Number
<b>Median family income in 2007 (ACS)</b>	\$60,046
<b>Median household income in 2007 (ACS)</b>	\$47,729
<b>Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)</b>	\$37,226
<b>Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)</b>	28.6%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Firms and Employment by Size

Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

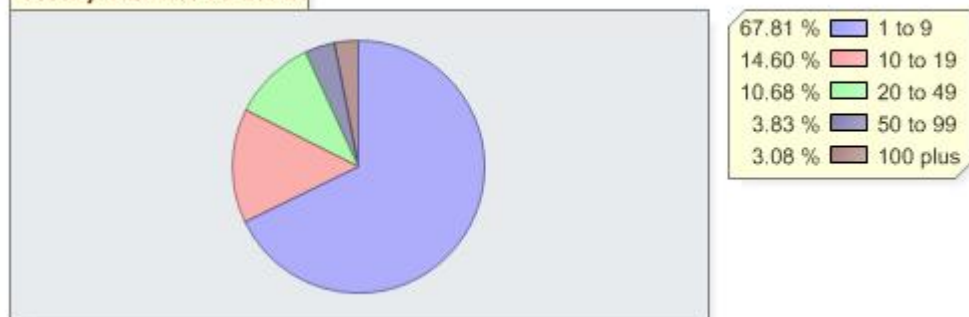
## County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
<b>1-9 employees</b>	6,464	426	7.1%	67.8%
<b>10-19 employees</b>	1,392	109	8.5%	14.6%
<b>20-49 employees</b>	1,018	13	1.3%	10.7%



50-99 employees	365	-17	-4.5%	3.8%
100 plus employees	294	18	6.5%	3.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,533</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**County Business Patterns**

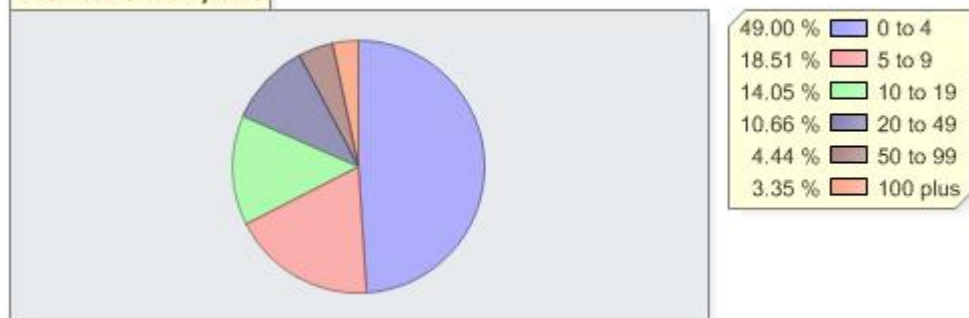


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	4,450	49.0%
5 to 9 employees	1,681	18.5%
10 to 19 employees	1,276	14.0%
20 to 49 employees	968	10.7%
50 to 99 employees	403	4.4%
100 plus employees	304	3.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,082</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

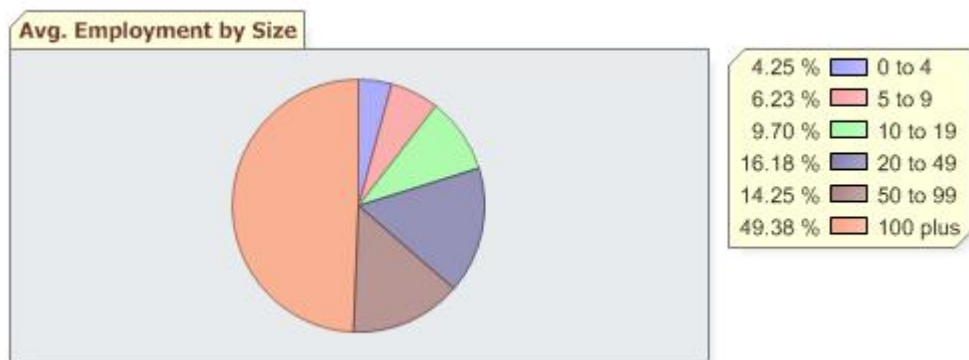
**Business Units by Size**



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

### Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	7,641	4.3%
5 to 9 employees	11,209	6.2%
10 to 19 employees	17,445	9.7%
20 to 49 employees	29,096	16.2%
50 to 99 employees	25,616	14.2%
100 plus employees	88,774	49.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>179,782</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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